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Students Laura Meiklem (left) and Hiep Nguyen (center) survey crystals for sale at a vendor outside the LAVC Business Office.

AFT President speaks on classroom censorship; no conclusions drawn

By TIFFINIE P. MCENTIRE
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Community College Board of Trustees denied the resolution adopted by the Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) History, Humanities, Law and Political Science (HHLPS) Department to destroy files maintained on instructors who have been accused and not found guilty of sexual harassment, which was based upon offensive classroom language or materials, as well as to end classroom censorship.

American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild President, Leon Marzillier, spoke regarding the demand for ending classroom censorship and proposed that the Board "reconstitute the committee that had established the Sexual Harassment Policy to study and revise the entire policy."

In response to Marzillier's proposal, History Professor Farrel Broslawsky said, "To ask the same people who established the censorship policy to evaluate it is like having the Klan investigate a lynching."

The Chairperson of LAVC's History Department, Professor Rose Drummond, presented the Trustees with a signed petition, prior to Marzillier's proposal, to end the application of the Sexual

Harassment Policy to "general classroom language and materials" that are interpreted as "offensive."

"I personally am opposed to the gratuitous use of sexual or racial language in the classroom," said Marzillier.

"Some would therefore refer to me as being politically correct. But I don't hold that view just to be politically correct, rather because I believe in showing respect for others," said Marzillier.

Chapter Chair of the LAVC Guild, Penny Pollard, said that "in dealing with ideas and provoking thought, a teacher is often going to offend some of those students who are uncomfortable with controversial subjects."

Pollard presented a resolution of the Executive Board of the Teachers Union, reiterating the demand for immediate action in ending classroom censorship and in destroying "secret files" that had been maintained and presented to the Trustees by LAVC faculty and students.

On behalf of AFT Guild, Marzillier presented three situations in which "you (do not need) to apply the sexual harassment policy" to general classroom language. First, if "there is no legal requirement to do so."

"The only cases that have been

tested concerning hostile environment sexual harassment have been in the workplace," said Marzillier, "not in the classroom."

The next non-application to the sexual harassment policy said, "For the LACCD (Los Angeles Community College District) to pursue instructors for objectionable general classroom language is liable to be an expensive quagmire."

"Even if you believe that general classroom language can be sexually harassing, you are going to get a big legal fight if you try to enforce it," said Marzillier.

Marzillier concluded with his third statement, "If all our efforts are directed into determining what is and what is not protected by academic freedom, those that everyone agrees are sexual harassers are liable to slip away."

According to the Supreme Court, the right of free speech under the First Amendment includes language spoken at public forums, political rallies and the like, protecting speech from censorship.

"The question then becomes," said Marzillier, "is a classroom more like a work place or more like a rally?"

"A classroom is neither a classroom nor a workplace," said Jorgensen. He accused Marzillier

of "speaking with a forked tongue and of 'undercutting the position taken by the College Guild."

LAVC student, Jesse Dominguez, spoke in support of the HHLPS Department resolution and said, "If you censor a teacher's ability to speak you prevent the opportunity of the students to deal with ideas, you censor the students right to learn."

The HHLPS Department policy has been adopted by the LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU) and the Executive Board of the College Guild.

The meeting was held to promote the removal of an accusation of sexual harassment by an undisclosed student from History Professor Lawrence "Chuck" Jorgensen's employee file.

The complaint, filed last semester by a female student who attended Jorgensen's class once, accused him of sexual harassment on the basis of the use of offensive language and sexual references.

"One student asked Mr. Jorgensen if he accepted extra credit," the complaint said. "He said that he doesn't believe in extra credit. He said he used to ask for sexual favors as extra credit but he doesn't do that anymore."

"He also used frequent profanity such as the F--- word," said the complainant.

ASU stirred by resignations

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Editor-in-Chief

Associated Student Union President Don Graham resigned from his position as president late Tuesday afternoon citing "academic ineligibility" as his reason for resignation.

"At the time Graham ran for president he was eligible. However over the course of his time in office, he has become ineligible," said ASU Supreme Court Justice Robert Burns.

The current acting Vice President is ASU treasurer Liz Alexander. In a statement to the ASU executive Council on Tues. Alexander stated "I Elizabeth Marie Alexander under the direction of Dean Billy Reed, do hereby assume the responsibilities of the office of president of the Associated Student Union at Los Angeles Valley College."

Alexander is regulated to make the statement by the rules of the ASU constitution. Alexander also stated that as of March 8, all positions appointed by Graham are inactive. Appointed positions include all offices that are not positions elected by the Valley College student body. These positions include, parliamentarian, historian, directors of external and internal affairs and supreme court positions. Commissioners holding offices that filled vacant seats after student body elections are also now null and void.

As the acting president, Alexander appointed four ASU officials to new positions. The new acting treasurer is Frank Motes. The office of Commissioner of Elections is now held by Nyia Berry. Acting Supreme Court justice Robert Burns will remain in his position.

Also resigning on Tuesday was Commissioner of Public Relations David Chavez. Chavez plans to run in the special election for the permanent position of president. "I can make the ASU a stronger,

better, more unified organization," said Chavez. "I also wish to be recognized for my services to the student body."

Replacing Chavez in the office of public relations is Joseph Essavi, who formerly was the Commissioner of Elections.

According to the ASU constitution the ASU must hold a special election decide a new president. The election must be held within 15 school days of the resignation. The elections may however, be delayed due to infighting and accusations made within the ASU itself.

"The elections may be delayed because the Dean of the ASU Billy Reed has taken control. He will be personally checking the eligibility of all students who wish to run for president," said Robert Burns, ASU supreme court justice.

The ASU's current Dean is Dean of Admissions and Records Billy Reed. Reed will be replaced by Sam Mayo, dean of Academic Affairs on Monday March 14.

Political infighting is continuing over the use of ASU funds for a five person trip to Washington DC. While no resolution to the problem has come about. Graham had planned on holding a "retro active" vote on the approval of the Washington DC trip. However the resignation of Graham and others did not allow for the vote to be taken.

At press time, a date for the special election has not yet been determined and the current officials in office will continue to run the ASU, until the final decisions are made.

"It is nothing personal," said Burns, speaking of those appointed to higher offices, "we have been instructed by our dean to come in and clean the ASU up, and bring it back to the high standards it used to have. After all we are here for the benefit of Valley students. Both Alexander and Burns participated in the trip to Washington.

Student claims rights violation

By David Helleskov
Valley Star Staff Writer

An ongoing struggle with the Los Angeles Valley College Financial Aid Department has left student Zachary Tolin without needed funding due to what Tolin says is a violation of his student rights. Tolin was refused financial aid because he did not register for selective service.

According to Tolin, appendix 50 of the United States Code Annotated, section 462G says students over the age of 26 who show that their failure to register was not knowing or willful are eligible to receive financial aid.

"LAVC has displayed ignorance towards the existence of this law," said Tolin. "Dean of Student Services Mary Spangler, Ruth Siegel, financial aid administrator, President Dr. Mary Lee and Martha A. Torgow of the general council have

been completely oblivious and ignored my demands."

"John Barnhart, Ombudsman in charge of the grievance hearing procedure, was behest by Torgow to deny me grievance hearing procedures, therefore I feel my student's rights were violated," said Tolin.

According to Tolin, the appendix law is meant to keep conscientious objectors who are defying the system from getting financial aid. Tolin said, "I must go through Siegel or a grievance hearing procedure to win my case."

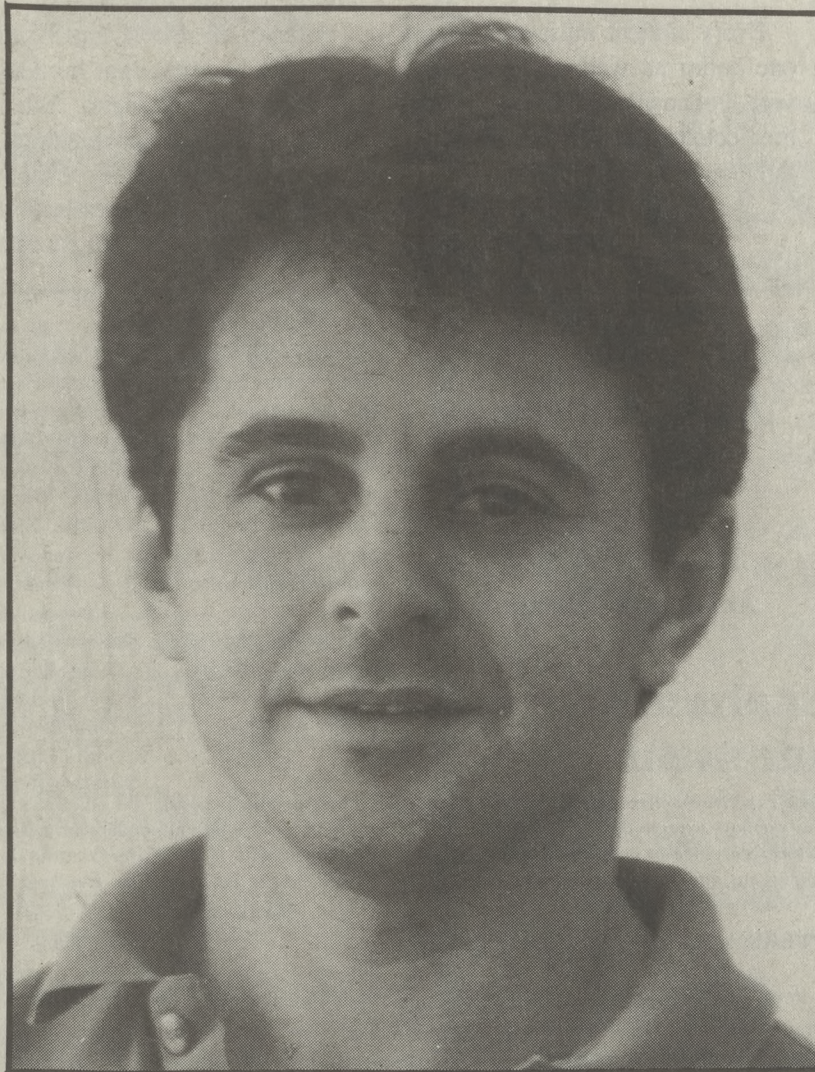
"The case is supposed to be handled at the college level by the financial aid administrator per the department of education and the chancellor's office in Sacramento," Tolin said. "Siegel has been using her personal prejudices and has been shirking her responsibilities."

For over six months Tolin has

been wading through these procedures. "I am opposed to this neverending runaround; it's as if I'm guilty on a presumption and guilty until proven innocent," said Tolin. "Selective Service is libelous, denies due process and this isn't the way America is supposed to function." "In addition, as of two or three weeks ago, they finally agreed to hear my case, and as of 3/1/94, I've sent in my evidence," said Tolin.

Spangler said, "I was the second step in the appeals process, now the measure has moved up to the general council."

Barnhart said, "his (tolin's) particular issue was not with college or district regulations; the case is being handled by the legal district council." "Most grievances I handle are regarding grades, about 99 out of 100." "I refer other student problems to the proper parties," said Barnhart.



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Zachary Tolin smiles for the camera after discussing his financial dilemma

Entertainment Calendar

Theatre: the Los Angeles Premiere of the world renowned *Rudy Coby Show*. This is an outrageous, hip, comedy magic show on the mainstage of the Little Theatre on the Valley College campus in the Theatre building. The show runs Thursday through Sunday, March 17, 18, 19, 20 and Thursday through Saturday March 24, 25, 26. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Saturdays at 2, 7 and 10 p.m. Sundays 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 general admission and \$7 for seniors and students with any school ID. For reservations, please call 818-781-1200 ext 353.

Music: Today - Joan Thompson & Dolly Kessner, piano duo in the Music Recital Hall 11 a.m.

Editorial

Unanswered questions can lead to no-confidence

Just a month ago Associated Student Union (ASU) executive board members sided with the no-confidence vote against the president of this college.

They opposed a decision made by her that she, as LAVC President had full authority to make.

ASU board members made a decision to spend funds in a manner for which it seems they had no authority to make. The decision was to spend ASU funds to finance a trip of five members to Washington D.C. to attend the Student Diversity Conference.

Have you ever heard the saying, "It's not what you say, it's how you say it?" Well ASU, it's not what you did, but how you did it.

There was no adherence to proper procedures for this expenditure. There was no adherence to Los Angeles Community College Board Rules governing Associated Student Organizations. There was not a public announcement made of their intention to divert budgeted funds for this purpose and no official finance committee vote for approval of this appropriation.

ASU President Don Graham said funds were retrieved from the General Contingency Funds, a fact which was con-

tradicted by the budget report which showed no balance in that fund.

Impropriety or even the perception of impropriety is escalated when ASU board members and those returning from the conference have no comments concerning this issue.

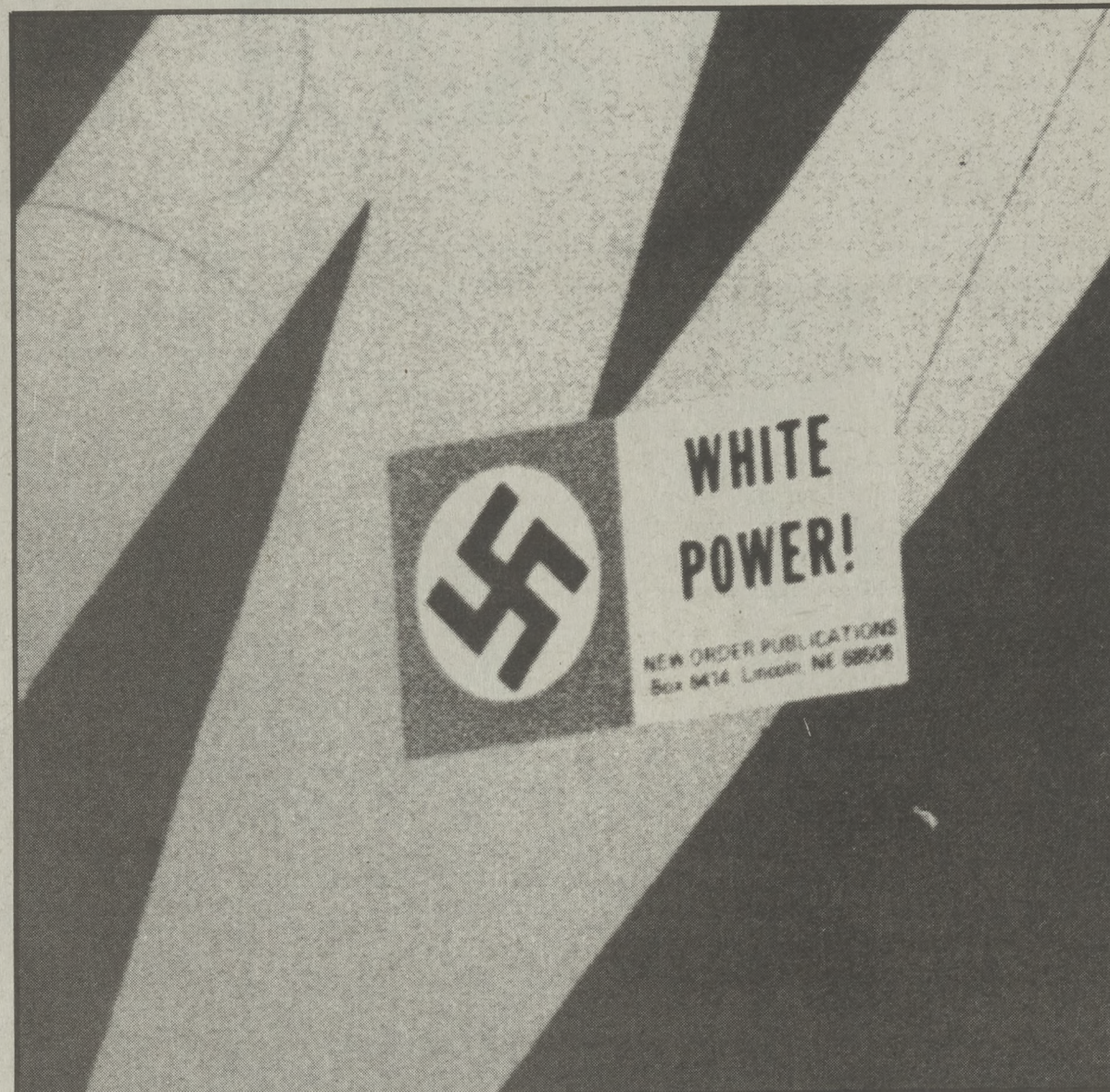
When will the political hide and seek stop? As voters we tolerate this kind of behavior in our state and national governments. Are we again witness to this activity at the very basic of levels with our own student government.

Students on this campus need to ask questions of the representatives they have elected to represent them. It is two months into the Spring semester and the finance committee has not yet met.

The Valley Star asks what are the ramifications if College Board Rules are broken?

Students need to take action. The ASU Executive Board needs to sufficiently respond. They need to understand that no-confidence votes are not exclusive to college administrators. Unanswered questions could lead to a call for a special election.

This is student body money. This is our campus. We all need to voice our opinion and object to wasteful and inappropriate spending of our treasury funds.



VALLEY STAR FILE PHOTO

Apathy is louder than words

□ Sounds of racism echo in the ears of a student

By D'ANDRE FORD
Valley Star Staff Writer

I moved to the San Fernando Valley in 1980. Being a kid I remember being nervous about moving.

My parents wanted to move to the Valley so that my brother and I could receive a decent education and live in a safer environment.

Around that time I recall watching a Neo-Nazi-KKK demonstration on the news and my first thought was "these are police men because these men are dressed in black riot gear and carrying shields."

The only difference was their shields read KKK and they were carrying signs that read "nigger go home."

The sound on the TV was low, so I didn't pay attention to any of

the details. What I did catch at the end of the segment was the bottom of the TV screen that flashed the location. It was North Hollywood, where my parents were in the process of renting a house.

Being an Afro-American I was more than a little uncomfortable with the move my family was about to make.

After we moved nothing really happened other than someone blurted out a racial slur from a passing car. For awhile the racial slurs seemed at a low point in my life.

Years have passed and the racial remission is over. The images from the TV are here again but this time those images hit closer to home. People who were close to me turned out to be racists.

Neo-Nazi flyers for white power organizations are evidence that

skin heads exist on campus.

Further proof are the stickers for a white America, along with graffiti from one ethnic group attacking another, that are displayed on the walls and doors of the men's bathroom.

Last month was Black History month. It was a month to celebrate the achievements of African Americans, as well as a time to remember all of the injustices done to women and to people of color.

Why can't Black, Latin, Native American or women's history be a part of all history? Why do we have to set aside a month, a week, or even a day to remember the accomplishments or injustices of different races?

The point is, if you're not saying "no" to racism you're saying "yes" to it.

Letters to the editor

○ Danger around the corner for students

Dear Editor:

There is a great danger around the corner for Valley College students. Tuition has doubled, more classes have been eliminated, and the budget for the Valley Star newspaper has been cut in half. This poison is being brewed now by our Governor and State legislature.

When I protested to prominent political officials, I soon realized that none were listening. "Why not?" I demanded to know. The answer was the "Students don't vote, they don't matter."

In our society, political participation is what determines equity. Voting is what empowers democracy. Each group is listened to when its demands are backed up by the number voting.

Students have been able to get

some relief only by begging for a handout. Presently there is no Student Bill of Rights, yet an attempt towards one was recently vetoed by Governor Pete Wilson.

The antidote to this poison is student registration and voting. Then we will become a voice that must be listened to.

Recently, the State Supreme Court struck another blow to students. They forbid ASU funds from being used for political representation. This semester a dollar is asked for this purpose.

Every student must contribute one dollar as well as register to vote. Put an end to begging. Make the elected officials learn they have to listen to students.

Bill Fury
Fitness Center

○ Muddled truths trouble instructor

Dear Editor:

I am glad that Tracy Hart wrote to the Valley Star expressing her confidence in Mary Lee and her lack of it in Jack Sterk, President of the Faculty Senate.

Although Mr. Sterk has worked hard, and often very effectively, for the college, in this instance his muddling of truth and his mean-spirited gibes against Dr. Lee have deeply troubled me. All the more because from the beginning of the dispute, he has spoken as if officially representing the faculty.

I wrote to Mr. Sterk, Jan. 30, to make sure he knew that he does not represent my views. What most other faculty members think, I'm not sure. A gathering of them on Feb. 9, did declare their lack of confidence in Dr. Lee, but enough

haste and confusion surrounded the meeting to cast doubt on that vote's significance.

Meanwhile, some person unknown to me, apparently disagrees with my views has regularly removed the posted copy of my letter.

Shirley Lowry
Professor of English

○ Campus tension could hurt LAVC

Dear Editor:

The vote of no confidence for Dr. Lee was an expression of a small but very vocal minority. There are probably many good reasons why the majority of the faculty has not yet openly voiced opposition to the no confidence vote, but these reasons are becoming increasingly irrelevant as the hysteria and bad feelings grow to the extent that they might inflict permanent damage on this academic community that some of us love.

President Lee, acting in conjunction with her superiors, had the authority to open L.A.V.C. as she did. If time shows this exercise of authority to have been ill-advised, then it will be seen as a minor blemish on an excellent record of accomplishment at L.A.V.C. and hardly grounds for

the present unpleasantness.

Shared Governance is too precious a phenomenon to be injured on this occasion by political infighting. Certainly the January incident is not proper cause for airing accusations which would seem to indicate long-festering resentments of both a professional and personal nature. Insults and threats have no place in an educational community or, for that matter, in any kind of a community.

We must move now toward our real work - education - and leave this consuming and unnecessary tension between administration and faculty as far behind as we can.

Let's do this before someone gets hurt.

Bill Wallis and Rod Moore
English Department

○ Students are urged to speak out on ASU

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Associated Student Union, I would like to make it known that the majority of the ASU commissioners had no knowledge of the planning of the Washington, D.C. trip, or of the

alleged illegal spending of ASU funds.

In fact, the ASU had not voted whatsoever concerning the expenditure of funds.

I would personally like to apologize to the student body for the loss of \$5,500 worth of ASU funds that could have been used to help refurbish the library or fund the tutoring program.

I would like to also like to point out to the student body that the next 15 days, due to a strange turn of events, the ASU will be under the "leadership" of several of the people who were responsible for and went on the Washington trip.

At the end of these 15 days there should be an election to fill these posts with elected personnel.

I appeal to the student body, especially those of you who paid \$7.00 in ASU fees and didn't go to D.C., to vote in the election and make sure that you elect trustworthy individuals to ensure that nothing like this happens again.

We also urge you to make your voices heard at the next ASU Executive Council meeting March 15, in CC104 at noon.

Ella Archibeque
Commissioner of Scholastic Activities

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Faculty is presented with College President's reply to campus opening complaints

By LAURA DENIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

Los Angeles Valley College President Mary Lee held a meeting with the general faculty to respond to the 17 'whereas' filed against her.

It was reported in last week's Valley Star that Lee held a meeting with the faculty, however this information is incorrect. It was with the classified staff.

3. Whereas no official state or federal structural inspection of the campus was made until Friday Jan. 21. Lee said, "That is not correct. I have a structural report from an engineer that was made, dated and written on the Tuesday

inspecting all of the buildings at the campus."

4. Whereas this decision was made without a complete inspection of every room on the LAVC campus. Lee said, "I would say that is not true."

9. Whereas there were no lights, no electricity, no gas in the bungalows. Lee said, "This was most unfortunate because there was a generator in place for electricity in the bungalows and the thing didn't work."

10. Whereas the LAVC telephone system is inadequate in an emergency and was not accessible for many faculty, staff and students. Lee said, "The telephone system would take probably \$250,000 to upgrade. So, yes it's inadequate."

13. Whereas many students were unable to obtain accurate information regarding the status of classes as they were placed on the standby list etc. which added to

their distress. Lee said, "On Wednesday everything was open that would help students get anything they wanted in the usual fashion."

14. Whereas no immediate crisis counseling was made available to faculty, staff and students.

Lee replied, "We posted on Tuesday morning from different newspapers all the different numbers on the bulletin board. The counselors here were doing counseling."

15. Whereas the college was unprepared to deal with this disaster because no disaster plan has been developed to proof and put in place. Lee said, "There is a disaster committee. They have worked on a disaster plan."

17. Whereas the decision ran contrary to the principles of shared governance as mandated by AB1725 and Title 5 revisions. Lee said, "I don't think there is anything in 1725 or Title 5 about opening the campus after a quake."



Student Lori Roberts voices her objections to LAVC President Mary Lee's decision to open Valley on time

Jobs Fair opens doors

Over 20 companies were on the campus of Los Angeles Valley College on Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. recruiting employees.

"We were invited to the job fair," said Linda Wong of Warner Brothers, "we are here to give people the opportunity to get jobs."

Some companies gave out applications and some were just accepting resumes, but they all had booths that one could approach and find out more about the company. Most recruiters there had brochures to tell the people about their opportunities.

There were also companies that could set you up for a long term job. "We call people for a one on one interview," said Nichan Kulukian, the marketing manager of The Prudential, "we see if they are seriously interested in this. It's more of a career opportunity than a part time job."

Some of the other companies at the job fair included Footlocker, the United States Army, Dial America Marketing Inc., Fedco, Universal Studios Hollywood, Kaiser Permanente, the United States Marine Corps, Six Flags Magic Mountain and more.

compiled by- Hovik Kazanchyan

NEWS NOTES

AIDS Drive Volunteers Wanted
Valley Community Clinic directors Jerry Barros and Robert Grayson will be conducting a training session for volunteers who wish to help with the Valley College HIV testing project scheduled for April. The pair will be in the Fire-side Room on campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 14 and 15, where they will work with interested students who wish to participate in an HIV testing program.

Scholarships: Business Majors
The deadline for applications is March 18, 1994, for the Dr. Stewart Marsh Scholarships (\$750 and \$500) and the Business Department Scholarship (\$250). Contact Associate Dean Dennis Reed for more information.

Free Quake Counseling
The Asian Pacific Treatment Center is offering free counseling to post quake victims at their two offices in L.A. For information call (213) 252-1200.

Un claimed Scholarships

Thousands of dollars go unclaimed every year. To see if you qualify contact Commissioner of Scholastic Studies Ella Archibeque ext. 361.

Career Development Workshop

A two-part workshop will be held on March 14, 1994 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Campus Center 203. Reserve your spot now by signing up at the Counseling Desk. For further information contact Career/Transfer Center Director Barbara Goldberg ext. 246.

Amnesty Office

The next I.N.S. citizenship exam will be held in the Campus Center March 12, 1994. The exam is open to everyone. Contact Ms. Janice Berger ext. 320 or 242.

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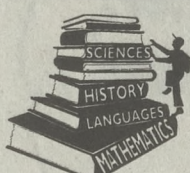
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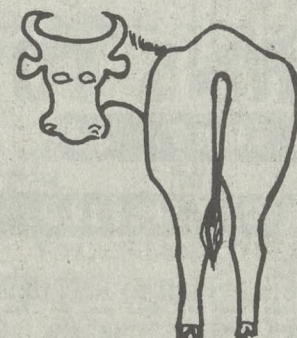
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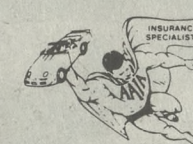
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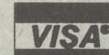


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Surveying the remains of the day

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

■ Last November when firestorms raced across the Santa Monica Mountains, Valley College's faculty member of 26 years, Dr. Earleen DeVivo, lost her home in Malibu. Since then after having to contend with fires, earthquakes, and mudslides, DeVivo, who has a Ph.D. in Psychology, and teaches statistics, as well as psychology, is in class as usual.

From the top of the mountain it took 90 seconds for flames fanned by 70 mph winds to burn over a mile down the canyon and engulf Dr. Earleen DeVivo's house on Deerpath Lane.

With no support from the fire department, DeVivo's husband Tony DeVivo, rushed to save the two structures on his property. An electrical shortage caused by the fire effectively cut the DeVivos off from their 5,000 gallon water tank by rendering it powerless.

The fire department had previously obtained a key to the DeVivos' private road for use in the event a fire occurred. However, on Tuesday, November 2, when firestorms raged in Las Flores canyon, where Deerpath Lane is located, the fire department did not come.

Neighbors were told it would be too dangerous for fire trucks to try and turn around on the narrow, steep, winding roads.

Tony DeVivo had no way to save the house he lived in, but that didn't stop him from saving the other house on his property with the water from its hot tub. A neighbor's house was saved with 40 gallons of water from five drinking water bottles. After fighting the fires, Tony told his wife, "you don't think straight because the fire consumes the oxygen."

The once green hills above Malibu were burned. Remains of trees were charred black and the ground was covered with ash. The landscape resembled Mt. St. Helens after the volcano blew half its top off.

The DeVivo's home was gone. "You realize everything is temporary, although I hated losing the history of my family and all the family photos my father had given me," DeVivo said.

After the fire, the DeVivos had organized piles of charred metal shells and other identifiable objects into groups for inventory. Tony DeVivo picked through a fairly large pile of melted motor cores from what was left of his power tools. "God, I never realized I had so many hand tools, here's a Makita," DeVivo said as he picked through the slag heap that had once been a building man's lifelong collection.

Around the skeletal foundation of the house were charred remains of a garden. Looking down at a barely recognizable stick protruding from the ground, Earleen DeVivo remarked, "this is the rose I planted from my mother-in-law's funeral."

Recently, the DeVivos have had to deal with tons of mud that washed down the naked hills onto their property during the last hard rain. A 22 ton steel storage container that had survived the fire was filled with mud that had piled up six feet around it overnight.

The next day Tony DeVivo was out plowing with his tractor to clear it away. Right after the fire he worked day and night seven days a week clearing debris with two workers.

"I feel very lucky because my husband is so versatile. He's 71 years old and he's running around doing everything," DeVivo said.



Valley College Professor Earleen,



and husband Tony DeVivo fighting strong and working hard after fires and mud ravaged their property

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Below: Empty foundation stands on charred ground where home of Earleen and Tony DeVivo once stood.



It has been four months since the fire and the DeVivos have put a trailer on their property. The fire left them with little more than the shirts on their backs, which in Tony's case had holes all over it from where burning embers had landed.

Earleen DeVivo expressed thanks to the students and faculty of Valley College who helped her get through this crisis by donating supplies and necessities. "A couple of times there was so much stuff in my office I couldn't get in. It's great just knowing that somebody cares and that you're not alone."

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The Los Angeles Valley College Monarchs defeated Santa Monica 13-9 on Saturday for their first conference win.

Monarchs win Valley College wins first conference game by scoring 13 runs on 16 hits

By JOSLIN FRIEDMAN
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Monarchs defeated Santa Monica 13-9 Saturday at a home game, raising their record to 1 win and 2 losses.

Santa Monica led the game 2-1 in the first inning. Then Valley took the lead making the score 5-3 and maintained it throughout the game, until Santa Monica tied it 9-9 in the seventh inning. By the eighth inning Valley took the lead 13-9 and won the game.

Valley made 4 errors and got 16 hits. Third baseman, Victor Seper, was 2 for 4 Saturday and had 3 RBI's. "We should have played better than we did," Seper said, "they [Santa Monica] got 13 hits off of us and there is just no reason why that should happen."

Santa Monica made only two pitcher changes during the game, while Valley made five. The winning pitcher was Ryan Messervier who was 1 and 0. Valley had 16 hits but earned only 7 runs, and

Santa Monica had 13 hits and earned 7 runs also.

Throughout the game most of the hits were supplied by first baseman David Stevenson, who was 2 for 5 and had 2 RBI's, Seper who was 2 for 4 and had 3 RBI's, second baseman Jorge Dorado, who was 3 for 5 with 1 RBI and right fielder Will Skett, who was 3 for 5 with 2 RBI's.

The Monarchs will play their next home game Saturday March 12, at 2 p.m. against Bakersfield.

Monarch swim team drowns Fullerton

□ Valley swimmers and divers come out on top of Fullerton at swim meet

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN
Sports Editor

The Monarch swim team splashed and splashed its way past Fullerton on Wednesday, March 2, as the men won 60-39 and the women 64-55.

"Our men dominated Fullerton," said Valley Head Coach Bill Krauss, "We were in much better shape and we had some good swimmers for our first dual meet of the season."

Sophomore Chris Imhof won the men's 50 yard freestyle in 22.9 seconds and the 100 yard freestyle in 51.8 seconds. Freshman Raymond Akopyan won the men's 200 yard individual medley and the 200 but-

terfly. Akopyan also placed second in the 200 backstroke. The men's 200 breaststroke was won by Lupe Sanchez and the diving competition went to Neil Ferrero with 92 points.

"They had some quality women swimmers," said Krauss, "But we had some excellent times."

Those "excellent times" were accomplished by sophomore Shanyn Myers who won the 50 yard freestyle in 26.2 seconds, the 50 butterfly in 29.8 seconds and the 100 freestyle in 58.3 seconds. Anush Mkyrchyan won the diving competition with 71 points.

Valley's first home meet will be on Wednesday, March 16, against Pasadena at 2:30 p.m.

◆Guest Column

Positive support is key to successful athletics program

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Editor-in-Chief

Consistency. One thing that All the Los Angeles Valley College sports teams have in common in consistency.

Both the athletes and the coaches on this campus are dedicated to the sport in which they play and the outcome of the season.

They may not finish first, but that isn't what seems to matter most. It is if you ask me, a breath of fresh air. We have a very successful athletic department, the football team brought home a victory in the K-swiss bowl in December and the Basketball teams did, as they always do, played a hard and long season.

In a society where the highest rated television program of the year is the Super Bowl and athletes make more money in a year than most working people will make in their lifetime, perhaps a commitment to quality instead of quantity is the key to true success.

After all, college athletics is supposed to bring self esteem. It seems that the way Valley coaches stand behind and support their teams may bring them the success they find year after year.

Take for example Swim team coach Bill Krauss. After a meet, no matter where his team finishes, first or last, he always has a kind word to say about the swimmers.

If the Valley coaches take into account this kind of thinking, I feel they are on the right track. After all, it's not if you win or loose, but how you play the game.

Lions track teams come in third at conference mini-meet

The Monarch track teams both placed third at the third Western Conference Mini-Meet at Moorpark College on last Friday.

"We're not nearly as strong this year as we were last year," said Assistant Coach Richard Hardin.

"It'll take a while to develop," said Co-Head Coach James Harvey, "We're a bigger team, but we don't have the quality. Maybe we could develop that."

The runners with the best times for the men were Michael Norman, who ran the 200 meters in 22.4 seconds, and Eric Hutchinson who

ran the 200 meters in 22.6 seconds and the 100 meters in 11.0 seconds.

For the women, the best showing was by Nobue Saito who won the 100 meters in 12.6 seconds, and also came in first in the 200 meters in 26.8 seconds.

The Monarchs will be at Glendale College on Friday for the fourth and final Western States Conference Mini-Meet before the invitational meets start.

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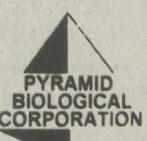
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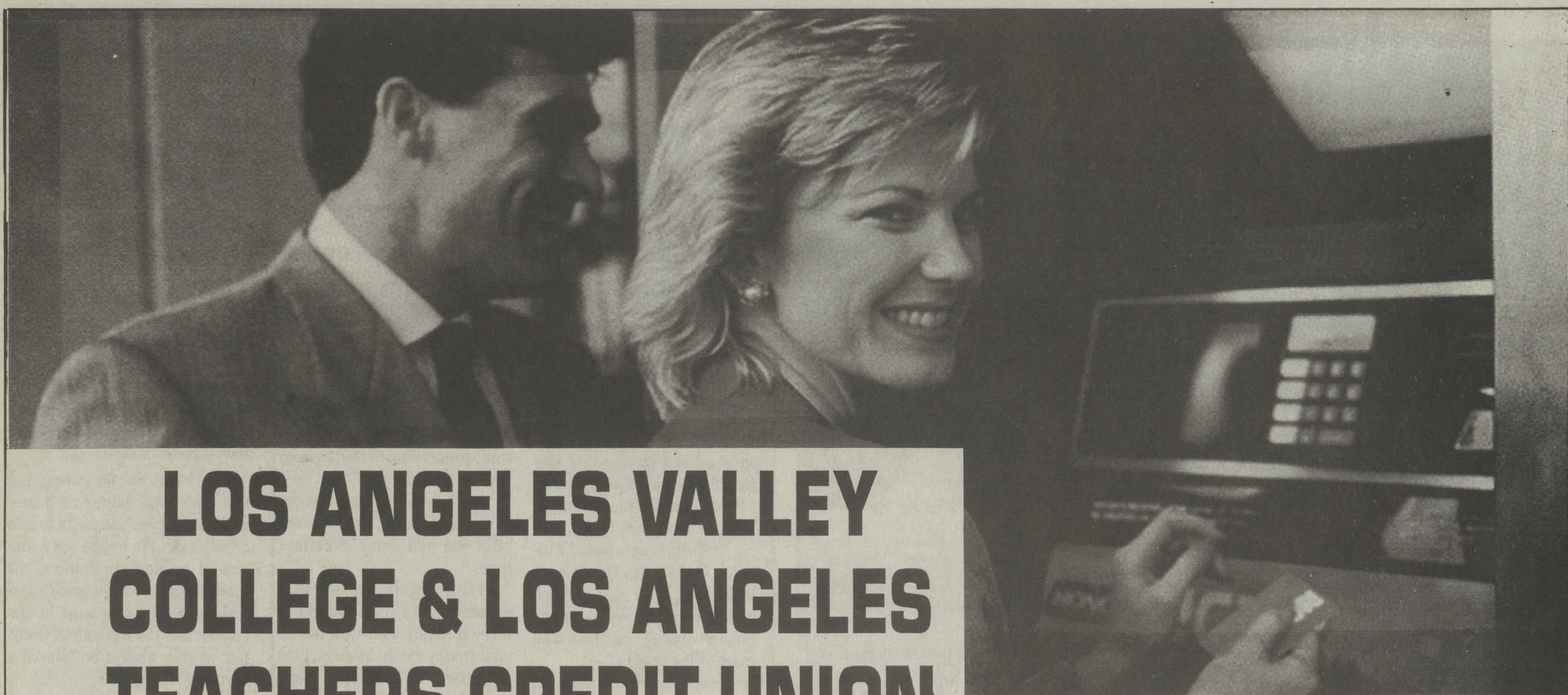
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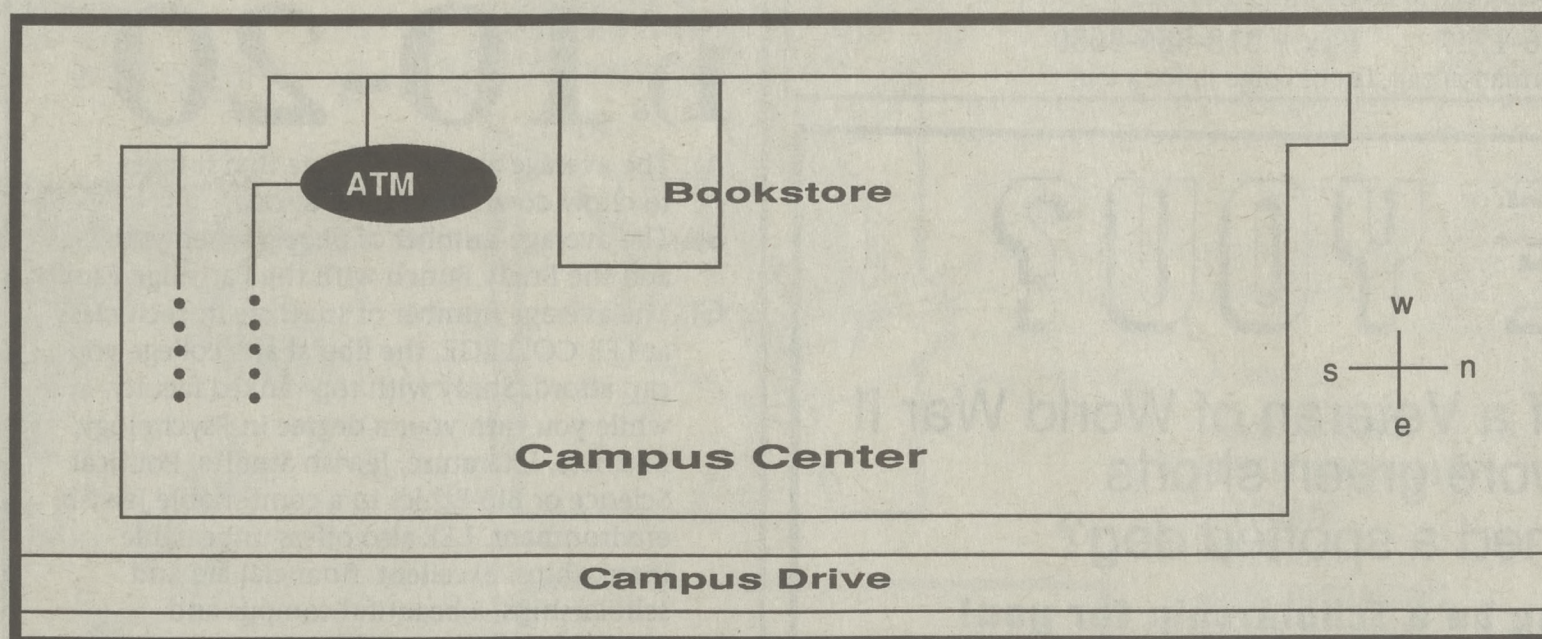
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